

Minutes of October 19, 2020

Catholic Daughters of the Americas (CDA)

Court Blessed Mother Teresa #2550

Regent Bonnie Viator called the meeting to order. All officers were present. Janie Smith led us in the Opening Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Regent Bonnie Viator thanked everyone for attending tonight's meeting. The refreshments were provided by Jeri Mestayer and Charlene Guillot. Correspondence was passed around.

Minutes of the September meeting were read. Anne Minveille made a motion to accept the minutes, Enella Broussard seconded, and the minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report:

	Checkbook Balance	Bank Statement Balance
As of September	\$4,213.39	\$4,213.39

Committee Reports:

Rosary- 1

Pro-Life Rosary- September and October (2 men and 6 ladies)

Empathy- 1 Birthday

Circle of Love- Tabled until next month's meeting

Scrapbook- Since we are extremely behind in our scrapbook, we discussed options we can do with the photos we take.

Spirituality- Anne Minveille spoke about Saint Theresa of Avila. Saint Theresa of Avila revitalized the Carmelite Order. She is known as a Doctor of the Church. There are only 36 Doctors of the Church and only 4 of them were women.

Announcements:

- The Church Vocation Cross for 2021 is available. You can call the church office in the mornings only to sign up.

- Regent Bonnie Viator updated the phone committee list.

- Deacon Wade Broussard's son died at his home on October 7th. He was 52 years old.

- We began currently collecting school supplies AND/OR Covid-19 pandemic items for the teachers, as well as monetary donations. The Court will accept anything that you wish to donate for teachers.

- Ms. Enella has been making baby blankets for the Unexpected Pregnancy Center. If you would like to help assist in this project, you can purchase fabric/thread and/or give a monetary donation to help with this project.

- We are doing multiple things to help Hurricane Laura/Delta victims:

1. We collected donations last month (September) for member, Janie Smith's sister and her three grown children and their families.

2. After the September meeting, Suzette and Bonnie delivered donated hurricane items to the Knights of Columbus; they left the following day to deliver a third truckload. Our items were delivered to Father LaVergne's church parish. The Grand Knight advised that the parishioners were so excited and appreciative to receive that trailer load.

- The church gave Father LaVergne two going-away receptions between the 4pm and 6pm masses on Saturday and after the 10am mass on Sunday. The attendance was small due to Covid-19; People are still afraid to go out and mix socially.

- Regent Bonnie Viator attempted to text and email members late Saturday night (October 3) about an email received from EWTN that night. It noted that the documentary titled "A Wolf in Sheep's Clothing" would be helpful in explaining the situation our world is experiencing today like bad political disclosure; how Christian and Catholic beliefs have come to be reviled by so many people in the secular culture; and where political correctness, gender conflict, gender confusion and other aspects of the "Culture of Death" come from. It played on EWTN Sunday October 4th from 12:30pm to 2:00pm.

- In the upcoming November 3rd election, we will have to vote on some Amendments. Love Life Amendment will be Amendment 1 on the ballot. State Regent Dawn sent out an email in regards to this amendment. Jeri provided members with a brief explanation of the amendments from PAR Louisiana.

Old Business:

Beautification of Grotto Project- Nothing new to report. Members who attend the Pro-Life Rosary clean the altar and area after the rosary each month.

National CDA Sunday- Scheduled for October 18. Father Savoie advised that CDA could be recognized at the 6pm Saturday mass. Several members will not be attending because of COVID; therefore, Regent felt that with a small showing of members attending it wouldn't do our Court justice. Regent Bonnie Viator decided that this year because of Covid and all the hurricanes we've experienced we will not participate in a National CDA mass.

Budget- The budget has not been done yet. The officers' meeting was cancelled due to Regent Bonnie being sick.

7 Pillars- Officers/Members voted on a charity in our area to be nominated as the 2020 7-Pillars Unity and Charity. Unexpected Pregnancy Center was nominated. The vote was unanimous.

15-year CDA Pins- Regent Bonnie discussed the possibility of getting 15-year pins for members who have been here since inception. Ms. Enella Broussard and Ms. Anne Minveille made a motion that a vote should be made. The vote was unanimous.

2021 Shrimp Boil Fundraiser- Our 2020 Shrimp Boil Fundraiser was cancelled due to Covid-19. We tabled this in previous meetings to speak with Father Savoie. We have received permission to have our annual Shrimp Boil Fundraiser. The members were asked if they still wanted to have the fundraiser. Ms. Pat Waguespack made a motion for the fundraiser. Ms. Anne Minveille seconded the motion. Our 2021 Shrimp Boil Fundraiser is scheduled for the fourth Sunday of Lent, March 14, 2021. Plan on selling tickets beginning in January/February.

Fall Financial Review Audit- Our financial audit was held on Wednesday, October 14, 2020. The audit went smoothly. Thank you Ms. Enella Broussard, Ms. Denise Girouard and Ms. Pat Waguespack for volunteering.

WRAP- White Ribbon Against Pornography is scheduled for October 25 through October 31. We will have our white ribbons on the church doors. We will also place an insert into the church bulletins.

Court Website/Facebook- www.lacda2550.com For any court events, you can check the court website and the court Facebook page.

New Business:

CDA Kid in our Diocese- Our court submitted Jean'-Paul Marceaux as our court's nomination for CDA Kid. He is presently in a hospital in Little Rock, Arkansas. He just received his second heart transplant. He is 12 years old.

His birthday is December 24th.

CDA Sister of the Quarter- Sister of the Quarter will be decided by December.

Christmas Social- Father Savoie advised that we could have our Social here at the Life Center. A committee was created to get estimates for food. Committee members are Jeri Mestayer, Sarah Gaspard, and Mary Reaux. Everyone will help with clean up!

Thanksgiving Service Project- We discussed where canned goods and monetary donations would go if collected. St. Francis Diner is currently closed due to Covid-19.

All Saints Day- Sunday, November 1, 2020

All Souls Day- Monday, November 2, 2020

CDA Monthly Mass- Our next CDA mass will be scheduled for Tuesday, November 3rd at 12:15pm.

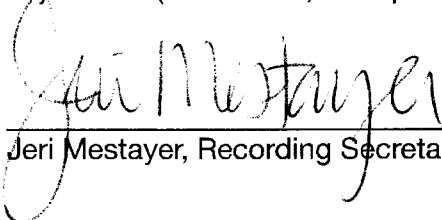
CDA Meeting- Our next CDA meeting will be November 9 at 5:00pm here in the Parish Life Center.

Pro-Life Rosary- Next Grotto Rosary is scheduled for Saturday, November 7 at 10:00am.

October Birthdays- Shelly Hollier 7th

Refreshments Volunteers- Volunteers for November refreshments are Anne Minvielle and Kathy Cox.

Regent Bonnie Viator led us in an election-time prayer. The Court was asked to work on recruitment by inviting a friend to our meetings. A motion was made to adjourn the meeting and by unanimous vote the meeting was adjourned. Everyone agreed. The meeting was adjourned. (Afterwards, door prizes were awarded.)



Jeri Mestayer, Recording Secretary